

**REMARKS**

The undersigned attorney advises that the previous amendment did not contain any amendments to the claims and that the claim set that was provided was for the examiner's convenience only. The undersigned apologizes for any misunderstanding and for any inconvenience that may have resulted. The current claim set is again provided with all of the claims including the identifier "Previously Presented."

In lieu of the remarks from the previous amendment, all claims should be in condition for allowance. **The undersigned attorney requests the opportunity to discuss any perceived problems with the claims, to further explain any of the points raised herein, and to discuss placing claims in condition for allowance.** The undersigned can be reached through his direct phone number (312) 223-0010 extension 144. Please advise when you would be available for a telephone conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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